SHE...
SHE IS...

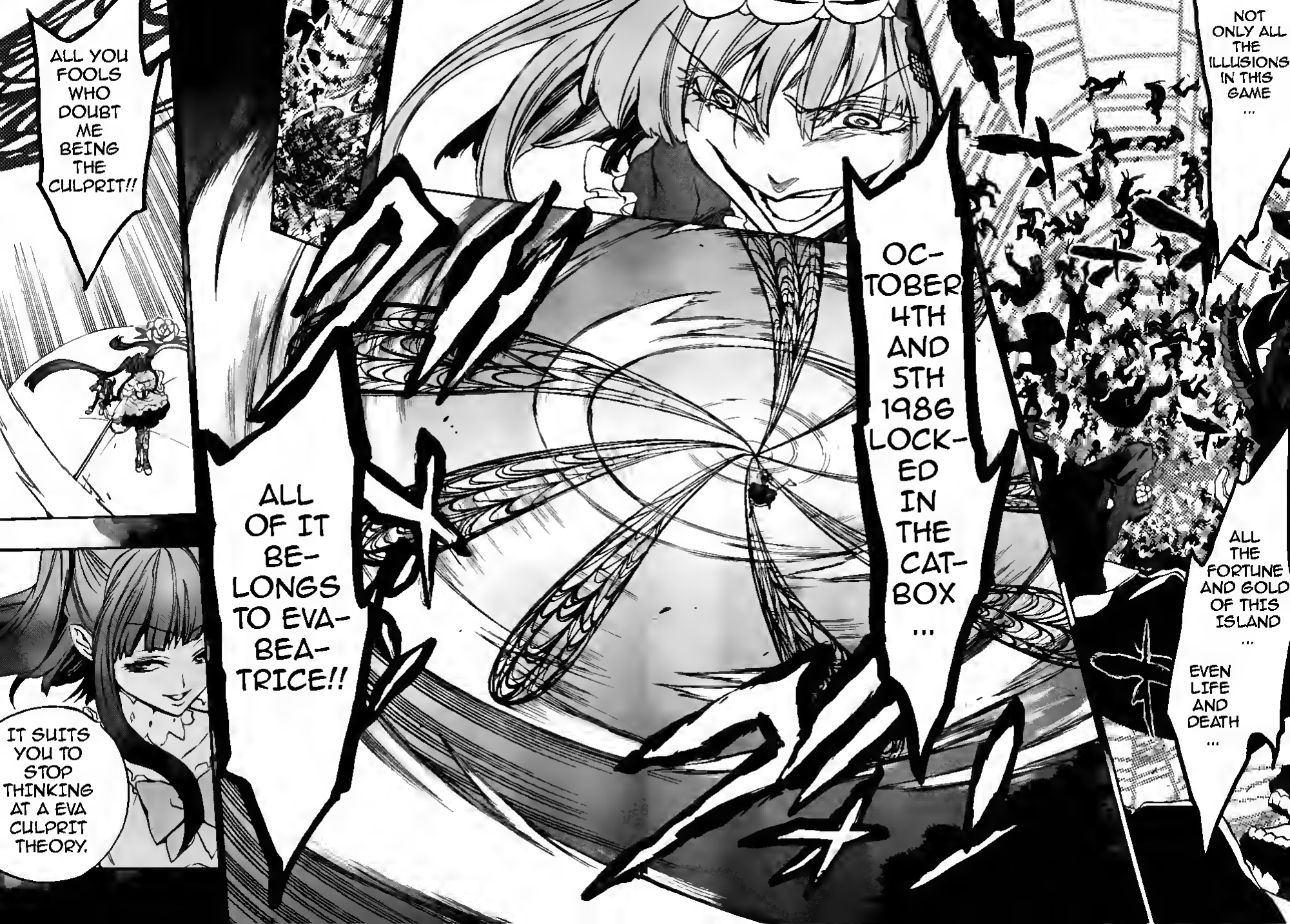
DID SHE...
SAVE ME...?
FURUDO ERIKA ...!!
THE DETECTIVE WHO CHALLENGED MY BROTHER AND BEATO IN THE PAST GAMES...

...WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THAT VIGOR?
WILL YOU ALL RESIGN?
IS THERE NO ONE AMONG YOU TO MAKE ME YIELD TO A BATTLER FAMILY CULPRIT THEORY?
MY, OH MY.
THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF YOU, STILL NONE OF YOU HAS THE VALOR TO FACE FURUDO ERIKA IN A LOGIC BATTLER?
DESPICABLE.
THEN I SHALL MAKE THE FIRST MOVE.

CHAPTER 14: THE LATE VISITOR (2)
KYA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!
I'LL LEAVE THE CLEAN-UP TO HER!
BUT I, FURUDO ERIKA ... HAVE NOT THE TIME TO DEAL WITH ANY OF YOU BLOCK-HEADS.

TO DISREGARD ME ...
WHO DO YOU THINK RULES ROKKENJIMA?
YOU ARE DISREGARDING ME FOR RUDOOOOLPH?
THAT IS TRULY ABSURD!

TO DISRE-GARD EVA-BEATRICE ...
WHO NARRATES THE MASSACRE ON THIS ISLAND!!


ALL YOU FOOLS WHO DOUBT ME BEING THE CULPRIT!!
IT SUITS YOU TO STOP THINKING AT A EVA CULPRIT THEORY.
ALL OF IT BE-LONGS TO EVA-BEA-TRICE!!
OC-TOBER 4TH AND 5TH 1986 LOCK-ED IN THE CAT-BOX ...
NOT ONLY ALL THE ILLUSIONS IN THIS GAME ...
ALL THE FORTUNE AND GOLD OF THIS ISLAND ...
EVEN LIFE AND DEATH ...

CRUSH AND VAN-ISH FOR-EVAA AAAA !!
SPLAT!

SHE KILLED ALL THOSE GOATS ...
ALONE ...

THE WITCH WITHIN EVA
EVA-BEATRICE
YOUR AUNTIE TOOK CARE OF ALL THE MEAN PEOPLE WHO BAD-MOUTHED YOUR PARENTS
YOU'RE NOT HURT? IT'S OKAY NOW.

...
IT'S OK.
YOU DON'T NEED TO THANK ME.
PROTECTED ME FROM THE GOATS THAT ATTACKED ME...?
EVA OBA-SAN ...
WHAT DOES THIS ...??
.....
WHA ...?
BUT ...
I WILL ALWAYS BE YOUR ALLY, ANGE.
SEE YOU.
.....

.....
AH.
THANK YOU... FOR SAVING ME.
... WHERE ARE ....
... WHY ARE ... YOU ....
THIS IS MY MASTER'S GAME-BOARD.
A WORLD CREATED TO REFLECT A PART OF THE PUBLIC OPINION...
YOU LOST YOUR WAY FROM BATTLER'S GAMEBOARD INTO THIS ONE...

IT'S THE FIRST TIME WE MEET FACE TO FACE, RIGHT?
I AM THE DETECTIVE, FURUDO ERIKA ...
... AND I AM ALSO A "WITCH OF TRUTH".
DETECTIVE FURUDO ERIKA
BERN-KASTEL'S ...
A GAMEBOARD CREATED FROM THE PUBLIC OPINION....
THANK GOD, SO THIS WAS NOT...
THE TRUTH OF THAT DAY AFTER ALL.
A WITCH OF TRUTH?
ONE CHASING AFTER THE ONE TRUTH ...
JUST LIKE YOU ...
THAT IS WHY I CAME TO SAVE YOU...

DIDN'T I WANT TO KNOW THE SINGLE TRUTH... THE ONE TRUTH OF THAT DAY...
AND DIDN'T I THROW MY LIFE AWAY FOR IT, WANDING THROUGH ENDLESS FRAGMENTS ON THE WITCH'S GAMEBOARD?
TO ENJOY MYSELF WITH EVERYONE IN MY BROTHER'S GAME...
MY GOAL WAS NEVER ...
TO KNOW ...
THE ONE TRUTH OF THAT DAY.
YES ...
ONE CHASING AFTER THE ONE TRUTH ...

WASN'T THAT MY ONE WISH THAT DIDN'T COME TRUE EVEN WHEN I THREW AWAY MY LIFE?
... TELL ME.
WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS ISLAND ...?!?!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED THAT DAY?!
NO- BODY WILL TELL ME!
BUT SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED THAT DAY...

...FOR A WITCH OF TRUTH ...
IS THE "TRUTH" SOMETHING HANDED OVER BY A STRANGER?
WHA ...?
DO YOU THINK YOU COULD JUST SWALLOW WHATEVER I PUSHED ON YOU AS "THIS IS THE TRUTH"...?
NO, THAT'S ...
NOT RIGHT ...
BATTLER, WASN'T HE EVER PLANNING TO SHOW IT TO YOU ...
HE ENDLESSLY ENGAGES YOU IN HALLOWEEN PARTIES AND GET-ALONG...
IS THAT NOT THE TRUTH...?

NO.
THAT IS DEFI-NITELY ...
NOT THE TRUTH.
ANGE ...
WE WILL NOW HOLD A FEAST FOR RETURNING THE GOLD TO OUR BENEFACTOR BEATRICE...!!
A PART OF THE FAMILY UNITED BY PRECIOUS BONDS...
WE, SIBLINGS WILL UNITE ...
AND WE SWEAR TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE THE USHIROMIYA HOUSE FLOURISH!

...AND REALLY NICE...

...IT WAS SO WARM ...

IMPOSSIBLE.

HOW WOULD SUCH A FAMILY BE INVOLVED IN A TRAGEDY?

DID THEY ENJOY THEIR TIME PEACEFULLY UNTIL AN EXPLOSION INCIDENT OCCURED? WHY DID ONLY EVA OBA-SAN SURVIVE THEN?

IF THERE WAS NO TRAGEDY THEN WHAT WAS MY WHOLE FUTURE ABOUT?

EVEN KINZO, WHO IS PROVEN TO BE DEAD, IS ALIVE HERE.

MY BROTHER EVEN ADMITTED THAT IT WAS A MADE UP STORY FROM THE START

IT DOESN'T CONNECT TO OCTOBER 6TH.

THAT TRUTH IS IMPOSSIBLE.

I WAS HAPPY BECAUSE IT IS SOMETHING THAT WILL NEVER COME TRUE NO MATTER HOW I WISH ...

AN INTERPRETATION THAT COULD BE POSSIBLE?

I WAS HAPPY BECAUSE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE ...

...NO

...YES.

SUCH AN OCTOBER 4TH IS A LIE.

EVEN THOUGH HE KNOWS THE TRUTH OF THAT DAY...
HE IS SHOWING ME SWEET ILLUSIONS TO LURE ME AWAY FROM WHAT REALLY OCCURED.
HE KNOWS IT, YET HE HIDES IT.
HE WON'T TELL ME.
...MY BROTHER IS TRYING TO KEEP ME IN THE DARK
NOD
SO YOU CANNOT GO ALONG WITH THE FALSE TRUTH BATTLER IS PUSHING ON YOU.
SOME-TIMES THE THINGS PEOPLE CLAIM TO BE THE TRUTH SWAY US.
BUT A WITCH OF TRUTH MUST NOT WAVER AT THAT AND MUST CHASE AFTER THE ONE TRUTH.

NOBODY CAN TELL YOU.
YOU MUST GRAB HOLD OF THE TRUTH YOURSELF.
SOME-BODY TELL ME!
TELL ME THE TRUTH ...
OF THAT DAY ...!!
.... THEN ...
EVA OBA-SAN WHO WAS RIDICULING ME TILL THE BRINK OF DEATH.
HE IS NO DIFFERENT FROM...
NO MATTER HOW GOOD HIS INTENTIONS ARE...
WILL EVERYBODY JUST KEEP FORCING ME TO FESTER IMPOSSIBLE WISHES FOR ALL ETERNITY...?
PLEASE ...
PLEASE ...
WHY WON'T ANYBODY TELL ME?
WHY WILL I BE ALWAYS ALONE, NEVER BE ABLE TO BE WITH EVERYBODY?
WHY?

I WILL TAKE HOLD OF IT MY-SELF ...!!
BUT PLEASE ... AT LEAST TELL ME WHERE THE TRUTH IS HIDDEN ...!!

....
AL-
RIGHT.
I
WILL
TELL
YOU SO
MUCH.
EH
...?

...
BUT
...
I CAN POINT YOU THE WAY TOWARDS THE PATH TO THE TRUTH.
I CANNOT TELL YOU THE TRUTH.
BERN
...
KASTEL
...

YOU SEEM ON THE DEFENSIVE...
NO WONDER ...
AFTER HOW YOU TREATED ME IN THE LAST GAME
TYING ME DOWN IN THAT THEATER AND SHOWING ME THAT DISGUSTING GAME...
THAT WAS NO GAME.
I TOLD YOU SEVERAL TIMES THAT THERE WAS NO GM
THAT HORRID GAME WHERE FATHER AND MOTHER WERE COMITTING MURDER

KIHI
KIHI
THIS IS ALL TRUTH ...
THE REST WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN DROWNED OUT HAD YOU NOT SCREAMED LIKE HELL...
WHAT I WAS ABOUT TO SAY WAS ...
THIS IS ALL NOT NECES-SARILY JUST THE TRUTH, YOU KNOW ...

HOW MUCH MORE DO YOU WANT TO TOY WITH ME ...
I AM SORRY FOR THAT ... BUT I NEEDED TO TEST YOU
IF YOU OF ALL THE PEOPLE HAVE THE RESOLVE TO ACTUALLY TAKE IN THE TRUTH.
FOR WHAT ?
THE RESOLVE TO TAKE IN...
THE TRUTH ...?
AT TIMES THE TRUTH GOES AGAINST EXPEC-TATIONS.
IT MAY EVEN BY SOMETHING WE WANT EVEN LESS.
THE FRAGMENT I SHOWED TO YOU WAS THE MOST HORRIBLE SCENARIO YOU COULD IMAGINE.
BUT ...

DAD! MOM!
NOOOO!
YOU DO NOT HAVE QUALIFICATION TO GET TO THE TRUTH
NO MATTER HOW BLOODY AND CRUEL IT MIGHT TURN OUT TO BE...
IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO STILL WANT THE TRUTH DESPITE THAT...

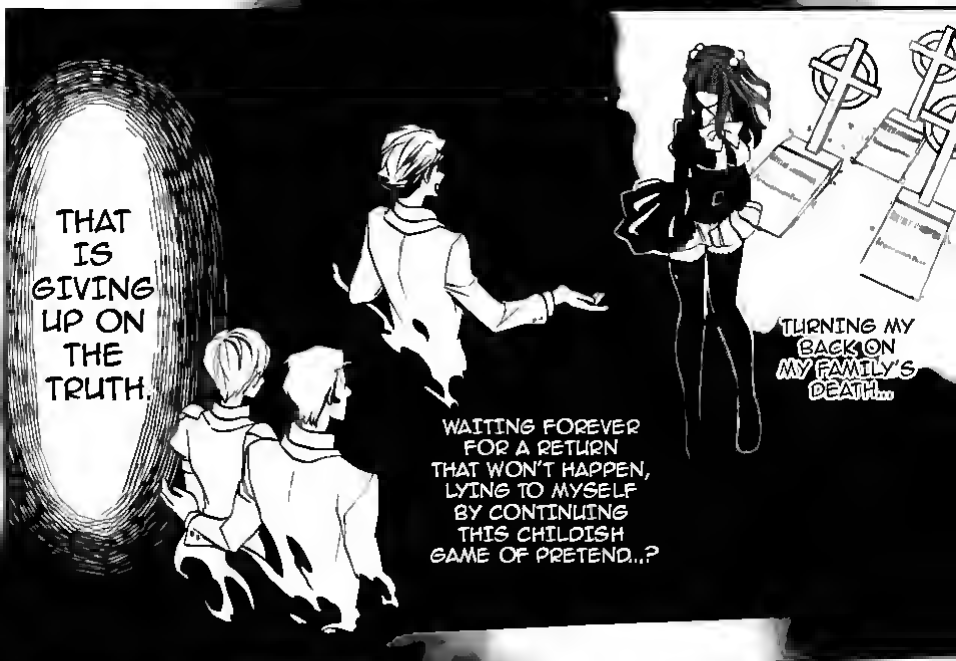
FROM THE START I DID NOT ONLY YEARN FOR A COMFORTABLE TRUTH ...
BUT ...
WAS I RESOLVED TO FACE UP TO A TRUTH I COULD NOT STAND?
DID I REALLY HAVE THAT...?
AND ALSO TO LET GO OF THE SMALL HOPE ...
THAT I HELD UNTO TILL NOW
TO KNOW THE TRUTH MEANS
THAT I WOULD HAVE TO LOOK THE FACT IN THE EYE THAT MY FAMILY DIED HORRIBLY.
THE COMFORTABLE HOPE THAT MY FAMILY MIGHT HAVE SURVIVED AND WILL COME BACK, NO MATTER HOW MIRACULOUS THAT WOULD BE...

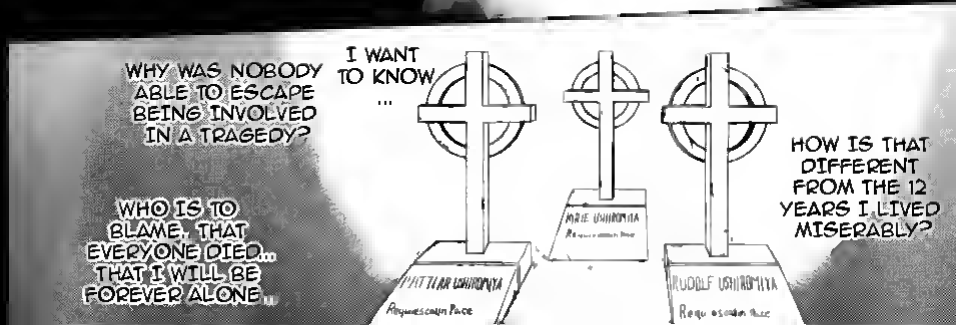
MY WISHES WERE CONFLICTING WITH EACH OTHER...
BUT I ALSO WANTED SOMEONE TO COME BACK
I WANT THE TRUTH
IN MANY CASES PEOPLE DO NOT SEE THE GAIN IN LEARNING THE TRUTH.
AT TIMES IT ALSO DESTROYS OUR HOPES
THE TRUTH CAN BE CRUEL AT TIMES
BUT I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT THIS SMALL MIRACLE WAS THE HOPE THAT KEPT ME ALIVE IN THOSE 12 YEARS...
EVEN THOUGH I KNEW IT WAS A STUPID DELUSION
BECAUSE EVERYBODY IS DEAD.
IF THEY WERE ALIVE, THEN WHY DON'T THEY COME HOME?
NOBODY WILL EVER COME BACK TO ME...
BY WANTING THE TRUTH I HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT ...
I CAN NOT ... HAVE BOTH.

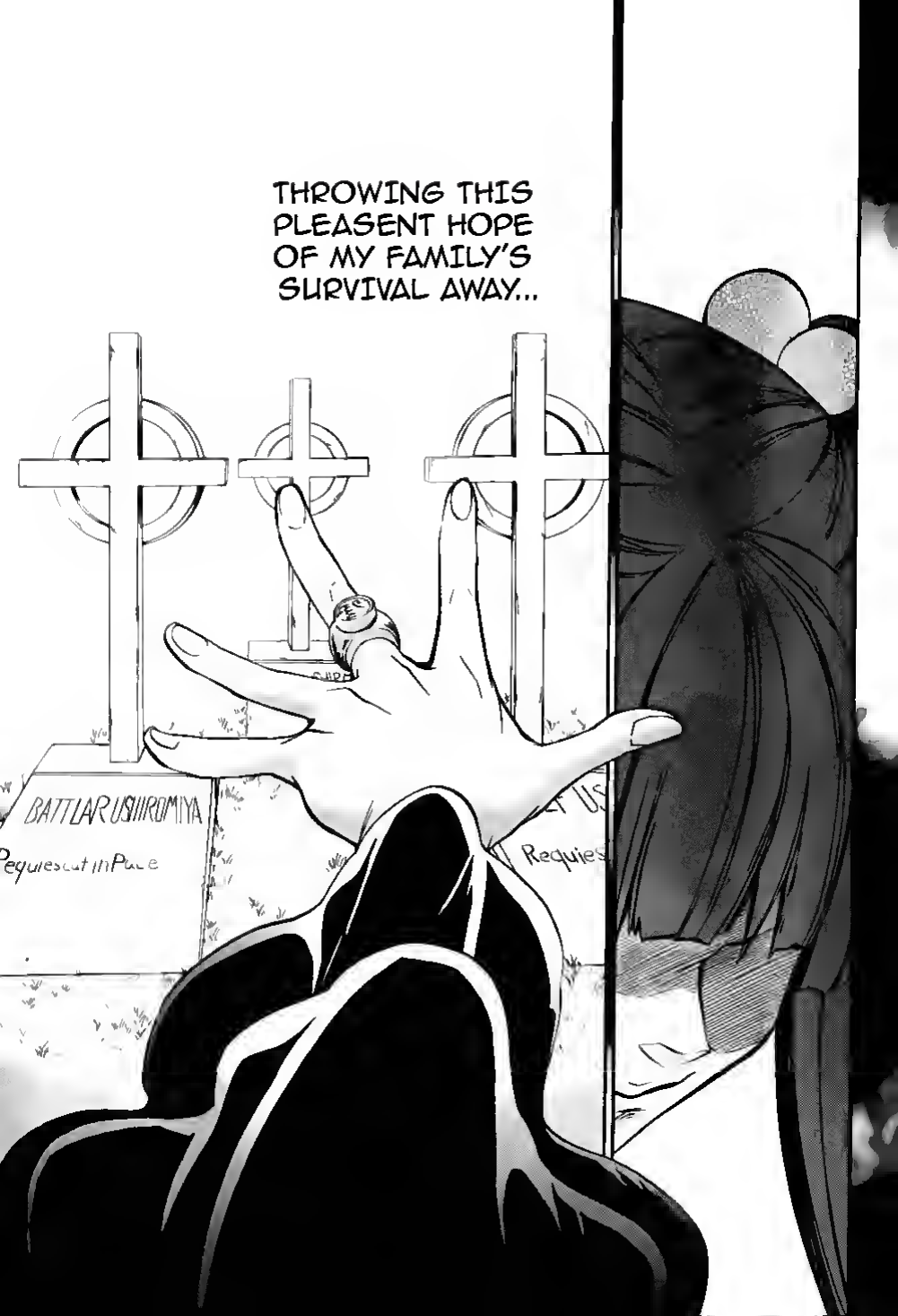
TELL ME, ANGE...
DO YOU TRULY HAVE THE RESOLVE...
TO KNOW THE TRUTH ...?

I THOUGHT THAT...
WHA... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WILL THEY COME BACK?
WILL THEY WHEN I KNOW THE TRUTH?
I COULD BRING SOMEBODY BACK IF I UNVEILED THE TRUTH.
I WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH
THOSE WISHES WERE A CONTRA-DICTION ...
I ALSO WANT MY FAMILY TO COME HOME
.... THAT'S WHY...
I CANNOT PROCEED UNTIL I THROW ONE OF THEM AWAY

TO CON-TINUE ...
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT SO LONG.
WE'RE BACK, ANGE.


THAT IS GIVING UP ON THE TRUTH.
WAITING FOREVER FOR A RETURN THAT WON'T HAPPEN, LYING TO MYSELF BY CONTINUING THIS CHILDISH GAME OF PRETEND...?
TURNING MY BACK ON MY FAMILY'S DEATH...


WHY WAS NOBODY ABLE TO ESCAPE BEING INVOLVED IN A TRAGEDY?
I WANT TO KNOW ...
HOW IS THAT DIFFERENT FROM THE 12 YEARS I LIVED MISERABLY?
WHO IS TO BLAME, THAT EVERYONE DIED... THAT I WILL BE FOREVER ALONE...
MARIE USHIROMIYA
RUDOLF USHIROMIYA


THROWING THIS PLEASENT HOPE OF MY FAMILY'S SURVIVAL AWAY...
BATTLAR USHIIROMIYA
Requiescat in Pace

MEANS TURNING MY VIEW TOWARDS THE TRUTH OF THAT DAY.
...I DO.
LEAD ME TOWARDS THE TRUTH.

THAT RESOLVE WON'T WAVER?
AL-RIGHT.
I WILL GUIDE YOU.
BERN-KASTEL ...!
DID YOU FORGET?
I AM YOUR GUARDIAN, RIGHT...?
WITCH OF 1998, ANGE-BEATRICE...

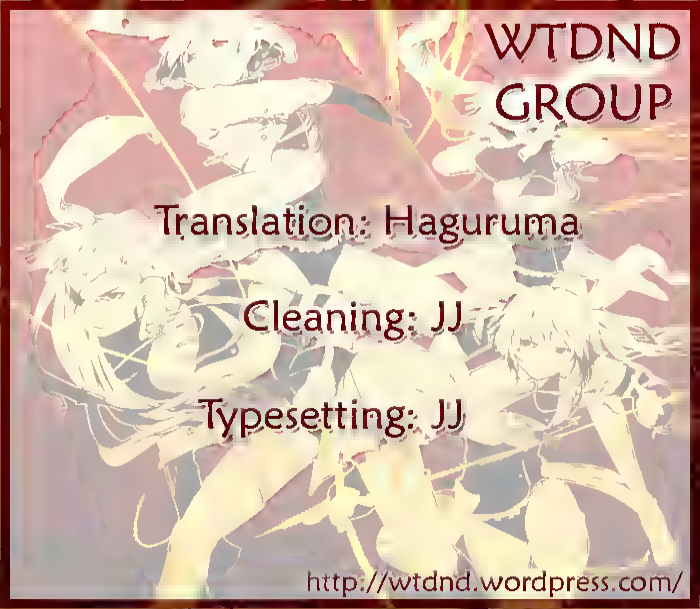
ANGE-BEATRICE, YOU ARE LIKE ERIKA
A WITCH OF TRUTH WHO WILL NOT BE DECEIVED BY ANYTHING IN HER SEARCH FOR THE ONE TRUTH.
RIGHT
I WAS ACCEPTED BY YOU AT THAT TIME AND BECAME A WITCH TO WIN AGAINST THE BEATRICE OF 1986...
A WITCH OF... TRUTH.
SO, ANGE-BEATRICE HAS TO POWER TO ARRIVE AT "THE ONE TRUTH"?

...YES
BUT DO YOU KNOW... WHY YOU WERE SO FAR UNABLE TO UTILIZE THAT POWER?
I UNDERSTAND NOW
WHILE I WANTED THE TRUTH, AT LEAST A PART OF ME REFUSED IT SUBCONSCIOUSLY... THAT IS WHY I DIDN'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO EARN IT... THE TRUTH.
THE FRAGMENT YOU SHOWED ME IN THAT THEATER WAS TO OPEN MY EYES, RIGHT?!
THANK YOU, BERNKASTEL.
IN ORDER TO WAIT FOR YOU TO BECOME A TRUE WITCH OF TRUTH, QUITE A NUMBER OF GAMES HAVE PILED UP.
BUT EACH OF THEM HAD A MEANING ...
BECAUSE IN THIS FINAL AND LAST GAME YOU BECAME A WITCH OF TRUTH...

TO A PLACE WITH GREAT BLACK TEA.
IT'S A LITTLE CHILLY HERE ...
LET'S MOVE SOME-WHERE ELSE
... WHERE?
THAT IS THE RAISON D'ETRE OF THE WITCH OF TRUTH, ANGE-BEATRICE
I WON'T ORDER YOU TO DIRECTLY TELL ME ... BUT POINT ME TO-WARDS ...
WHAT I HAVE TO DO IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT THE TRUTH ....
I HAVE TO UNCOVER WHY THEY DIED AND BY WHOSE DESIGN THEY WERE KILLED.
... TELL ME
WHAT HAP-PENED ON THAT DAY ON THE ISLAND ?
ALL OF MY FAMILY ...
DIED.
...MORE THAN JUST KNOWING ...

THIS IS...
I HAVE TO HAND IT TO HER, SHE KNOWS HER WAY AROUND BLACK TEA
YOU WERE HERE BEFORE, RIGHT?

IT HAS BEEN A WHILE, CHILD OF MAN.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